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Sir:

In response to the Communication mailed from the US Patent Office, dated September 20, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows. The response is timely filed within one (1) month of the Communication. Therefore, no fees are considered due at this time.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.